

# NOT TO KEEP COMPANY..

1 Cor 5:9-13

Sin like leaven to loaf of bread.

Grows and expands

One little pinch of it permeate whole new lump

Secret and small.

Powerful

Spreads, puffs up, defiles

Solution: purge out

*Mac: No church is healthy enough to resist contamination from persistent sin in its midst...*

## 1 Corinthians 5:9

*Lost epistle: Paul written other letters*

***Not to company with fornicators:*** companions/associates.

*To mingle with.*

1 Corinthians 15:33; 13:20; Exodus 23:2; Psalm 1:1; Proverbs 4:14; 22:24-25; 24:1; Psalm 119:63; 2 Corinthians 6:14

## 1 Corinthians 5:10

I didn't mean for you to completely shun and disassociate yourselves from lost.

1. Sinned against own bodies. ***Fornicators:*** immoral, guilty of illicit sex sin
2. Sinned against others. ***Covetous:*** dominated with desire to have more  
***Extortioners:*** steal or seize something from others.
3. Sinned against nature of God. ***Idolaters:*** putting other gods before God.

Arrogance – shunned people outside church

***Must one needs go out of the world.*** Might as well be in heaven

*Mac: Besides, sin outside the church is not merely as dangerous to the church as sin within its own membership.*

Corinthians willing to deal with sin outside but not inside.

Truth: Separation 2 Corinthians 6:14 Not become companion of lost

Out of balance: isolation.

Biblical mode: church come together to be taught, edified, and equipped so effectively go out into world.

In the world but not of the world

*Jn. 17:15,18+ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil...As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

*Philippians 2:15 ... in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*

Matthew 5:13-16

There is a time for isolation.

### **1 Corinthians 5:11**

*Called a brother:* professes to be a Christian brother.

So called brothers

*Fornicators:* immoral.

*Covetous:* greedy of gain.

*Idolater:* worshipper of idols.

*Railer:* abuse others...reproachful man; coarse, harsh, and bitter words.

*Drunkard:* love alcohol.

*Extortioner*—takes advantage of others financially.

*Not to keep company!* Don't associate with or spend time with.

*With such an one no not to eat.* No social interaction

A professing Christian who has been the recipient of compassion

Blatantly, openly, proudly, habitually, practices these sins

Professes to be a Christian.

Thought: not do anything which indicates that acknowledge him as brother.

Mac: *All offenders were to be put out of the congregation unless they repented and change. The rest of the believers were to withdraw from them in any social setting that implies acceptance and were not even to eat with such an one.*

### **1 Corinthians 5:12**

*What have I to do with...* have no right to pass judgment on people outside church.

*do not ye judge them that are within?*

Your job to pass disciplinary judgment on those inside church.

### **1 Corinthians 5:13 But them that are without God judgeth.**

Not our responsibility to pronounce sentence or inflict punishment

Deuteronomy 17:7; 24:7

*Put away:* lift out of; take up out of. Decisive action, no delay!

Gromaki: *They were to be like surgeons, removing the cancer by operation, not by medication.*

Mac: *... It is not the ones who recognize their sin and hunger for righteousness who are to be put out of fellowship, but those who persistently and unrepentantly continue in a pattern of sin about which they have been counseled and warned.*

## **SO WHAT?**

1. Separation in lifestyle and spirit
2. Salt and light to lost
3. Isolation from professing Christians who continue in wickedness